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Title: SELF-PROPELLED FLOATING
DEVICE FOR CLEANING WATER
SURFACES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 3, 2007, please amend the application as follows:

Status is on page 2.

Summary of USPTO Fees begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments / Conclusion begin on page 8 of this paper.

STATUS

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application.

Claims 8 and 9 are allowed.

Claims 1-7 and 10 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over PCT Publication No. WO 91/09193 in view of Drew or Tuomey.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over PCT Publication No. WO 91/09193 in view of Drew or Tuomey and, further, in view of Flatland, Pansini, Distinti and European Patent No. 936328.

SUMMARY OF USPTO FEES ENCLOSED HEREWITH

1. Request for Continued Examination

A separate Request for Continued Examination, along with authorization to charge the appropriate fee for a small entity of \$405, is enclosed herewith.

2. Extension of Time

A separate petition for an extension of time of three (3) months up to and including February 3, 2008, to respond to the outstanding Office Action, along with authorization to charge the appropriate fee for a small entity of \$525, is enclosed herewith.

3. Excess Claims Fees

Claims fees for twenty (20) total claims and three (3) independent claims have been submitted. This response and amendment results in twelve (12) total claims and four (4) independent claims. As such, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1429 in the amount of \$105 for independent claims in excess of 3.

It is believed these fees are correct; however, the Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1429.